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Texaco Refinery to Pay \$560,000 to Settle Environmental Violations

September 23, 1998

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22 /PRNewswire/ via NewsEdge Corporation -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice today announced that Texaco's Bakersfield Refinery has agreed to pay a \$560,000 civil penalty to settle alleged violations of the Clean Air Act and two other federal environmental laws, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The CERCLA and EPCRA laws require public disclosure of the amounts of toxic chemicals used, and toxic chemicals released, from any facility. U.S. EPA's complaint and the settlement were filed in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of California.

This case stemmed in part from a U.S. EPA inspection of the refinery in February 1995. In the complaint, U.S. EPA alleged that Texaco violated several reporting, testing, monitoring, and pollution control requirements of the Clean Air Act. The settlement also involved Texaco's failure to notify the National Response Center ("NRC") or state and local authorities of its refinery's releases of hazardous and extremely hazardous chemicals in violation of CERCLA and EPCRA. U.S. EPA also alleged that between 1993 and 1995, Texaco failed to report 14 releases of the gases hydrogen sulfide and nitrogen dioxide to the NRC, and failed to report 44 releases of sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, and nitrogen dioxide to the state and local authorities.

In addition, U.S. EPA alleged that Texaco violated EPCRA's reporting requirements for toxic chemicals manufactured, processed, or otherwise used at the refinery. Texaco failed to file disclosure reports to U.S. EPA for ethylene used at the refinery from 1991 through 1994. Finally, Texaco failed to file disclosure reports for the following substances contained in catalysts used at the refinery: copper compounds (1994);

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Texaco fined for Rosedale violations

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The former Texaco refinery in Bakersfield has been slapped with \$560,000 in fines by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for the failure to report the release of hazardous chemicals.

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The fines are part of a settlement between Texaco and the federal agency after the company failed to disclose the amounts and kinds of toxic chemicals released from the Rosedale Highway facility, now operated by Equillon Enterprises, a joint venture of Texaco and Shell.

The reporting violations occurred between 1991 and 1994. Releases of the hazardous chemicals — •whose effects, if inhaled, could range from respiratory ailments to death — •occurred between 1993 and 1995, EPA documents said.

Rob Mullaney, assistant regional counsel with the EPA in San Francisco, said the EPA's investigation was undertaken in February 1995 after people living and working in the area complained of odors. A rotten egg-type odor was among problems believed to have originated from the refinery.

"People were wondering what was going on at the refinery at the time," Mullaney said.

Between 1991 and 1994, Texaco failed to file disclosure reports to the U.S. EPA for ethylene, molybdenum trioxide and nickel compounds, all used in the processing of petroleum products. The company also failed to disclose its use of copper compounds in 1994 and zinc compounds between 1991 and 1993.

Between 1993 and 1995, Texaco failed to report 58 releases of hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide to state and local agencies. Mullaney said the releases did not pose a danger to the community around the refinery, but records of the releases should have

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INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:17 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 20-MAR-93 at 13:00 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

3663 GIBSON ST
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
County: KERN

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Qty Released: 29.1 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

COMPRESSOR C400/FRACTIONATOR MALFUNCTIONED

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE WAS STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U. S. EPA IX MR WHITIKER
ISJRT RGN IX ATTN: MS SHIMMIN
18-SEP-96 00:00 (415)7441796
DOI OEPC ATTN: CHIP DEMAREST
18-SEP-96 00:00 (415)7444121
ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
18-SEP-96 00:00 (415)7441916
NOAA RPTS RGN IX (1ST CLASS BB)
18-SEP-96 00:00 (202)2672165

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361559

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:17 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361559 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361564

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:23 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: UNKNOWN
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 05-MAR-93 at 15:00 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

6451 ROSEDALE HWY County: KERN
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Qty Released: 20 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

COMPRESSOR 10C2/COMPRESSOR MALFUNCTIONED

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U.S. EPA IX

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To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361564

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:23 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361564 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361563

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:21 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 24-DEC-93 at 12:00 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

3663 GIBSON ST County: KERN
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Qty Released: 37.4 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

QUENCH TOWER/BROKEN PIPING

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

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USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To:

ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361563

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:21 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361563 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361561

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:19 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 18-JUN-93 at 08:00 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

3663 GIBSON ST
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
County: KERN

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Qty Released: 25.5 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

COMPRESSOR C400/COMPRESSOR MALFUNCTIONED

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE WAS STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLERNOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U. S. EPA IX

ISJRT RGN IX	ATTN: MS SHIMMIN	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(415)7441796
DOI OEPC	ATTN: CHIP DEMAREST	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(415)7444121
ENV ENG EPA IX	ATTN: M. ROGOW	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(415)7441916
NOAA RPTS RGN IX	(1ST CLASS BB)	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(202)2672165

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361561

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:19 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361561 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361556

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:11 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 07-NOV-94 at 04:10 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
County: KERN

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Qty Released: 12.5 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 12.5 LBS(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

FLARE/DEBUTINIZER MALFUNCTIONED

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE WAS STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLERNOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U. S. EPA IX

MR WHITIKER

ISJRT RGN IX	ATTN: MS SHIMMIN	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(415)7441796
DOI OEPC	ATTN: CHIP DEMAREST	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(415)7444121
ENV ENG EPA IX	ATTN: M. ROGOW	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(415)7441916
NOAA RPTS RGN IX	(1ST CLASS BB)	
18-SEP-96	00:00	(202)2672165

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To:

ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361556

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:11 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361556 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361557

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:13 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 24-DEC-94 at 14:00 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

6451 ROSEDALE HWY County: KERN
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN OXIDE
Qty Released: 1217 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

FLARE/POWER FAILURE

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE WAS STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U.S. EPA IX MR WHITIKER
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18-SEP-96 00:00 (415)7444121
ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
18-SEP-96 00:00 (415)7441916
NOAA RPTS RGN IX (1ST CLASS BB)
18-SEP-96 00:00 (202)2672165

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361557

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:13 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361557 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361555

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:08 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 10-JUN-94 at 19:30 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
County: KERN

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Qty Released: 1217 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

FLARE/POWER FAILURE

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE WAS STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLERNOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U.S. EPA IX

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DOI OEPC	ATTN: CHIP DEMAREST	
18-SEP-96 00:00		(415)7444121
ENV ENG EPA IX	ATTN: M. ROGOW	
18-SEP-96 00:00		(415)7441916
NOAA RPTS RGN IX (1ST CLASS BB)		
18-SEP-96 00:00		(202)2672165

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361555

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:08 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361555 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361552

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:01 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 11-AUG-95 at 20:00 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

6451 ROSEDALE HWY County: KERN
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Qty Released: 552 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

FLARE/POWER FAILURE

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE WAS STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

EPA: STATE: CG: OTHER: DESC:

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U. S. EPA IX MR WHITIKER

ISJRT RGN IX ATTN: MS SHIMMIN
18-SEP-96 00:00 (415) 744198
DOI OEPC ATTN: CHIP DEMAREST
18-SEP-96 00:00 (415) 7444121
ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
18-SEP-96 00:00 (415) 7441916
NOAA RPTS RGN IX (1ST CLASS BB)
18-SEP-96 00:00 (202) 2672165

18/09 '96 WED 14:45 [TX/RX NO 5461]

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361552

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:01 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361552 ***

From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361558

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:15 on 18-SEP-96
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 02-FEB-93 at 09:20 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: CURTIS TAYLOR
Organization: TEXACO REFINING AND MARKE
Address: 6451 ROSEDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Day Phone: (805)3264200
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

3663 GIBSON ST
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
County: KERN

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: HDS HYDROGEN SULFIDE
Qty Released: 147 LBS(S) Qty in Water: 0 NON(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

COMPRESSOR C400/COMPRESSOR MALFUNCTIONED

DAMAGE

Injuries: Fatalities: Evacuations: Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RELEASE WAS STOPPED

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U.S. EPA IX

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NOAA RPTS RGN IX	(1ST CLASS BB)	
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From: National Response Center
USCG HQ Washington, D.C.
1-800-424-8802

To: ENV ENG EPA IX ATTN: M. ROGOW
Incident Report # 361558

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST3 FINKBEINER at 17:15 on 18-SEP-96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WILL NOTIFY: OES, FD

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 361558 ***

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1/93-present ~~www~~

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SO_2 ⑧ ~~www~~

Ammonia

1/93-present

45-releases

8-indicate 165 (SO_2) released

not enough info to calculate amt released



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Armand S Abay
Plant Manager
Bakersfield Plant

**Texaco Refining &
Marketing Inc**

Post Office Box 1476
Bakersfield CA 93302
805 326 4232

September 13, 1996

**Chemical Emergency Planning
and Response Commission (CEPRC)**
2800 Meadowview Road
Sacramento, California 95832

Subject: Section 304 Reports, OES Control # 015450

Dear Sir:

As required by the Office of Emergency Services, Texaco Refining and Marketing, Inc. (TRMI), Bakersfield Plant, hereby transmits the enclosed "Emergency Release Follow-up Notice Reporting Forms" pertaining to the September 6, 1996 reportable releases of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide from the Area 3 Flare. Nitrogen dioxide was determined to have exceeded its reportable quantity during the process of post-incident quantification of emissions. An initial report of Sulfur dioxide release was filed while the incident was ongoing, and has been revised to reflect the quantity released over the duration of the event.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact Ms. Linda Davis at (805) 326-4522.

Sincerely,

AS Abay
A. S. Abay

Enclosure

c: JAWenker - UCP
Kern County Environmental Health (LEPC)
Kern County Hazmat Response (RMP)
National Response Center (NRC)
Mr. David Howecamp - USEPA
AMBurke, LGDavis, DABeck, JTWellspring, BkP

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File: 34040-104
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Emergency Release Follow-up Notice Reporting Form

FACILITY INFORMATION

Location of Release:

Texaco Refining and Marketing Inc.
Bakersfield Plant
3663 Gibson Street
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Facility Emergency Contact:

Ms. Anita Burke
Manager Environment, Health and Safety
Phone: (805) 326-4200

RELEASE INFORMATION

Name and CAS Number of Substance Released:

Nitrogen Dioxide CAS# 10102-44-0

Physical State Stored:

☐ Solid
☐ Liquid
☒ Gas

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Extremely Hazardous:

Yes

Quantity Released:

35 ☒ lbs.
☐ gal.
☐ cu. ft.

Environmental Contamination:

☒ Air
☐ Water
☐ Ground
☐ Other

Time and Date of Release:

09/06/96 06:45 PM

Duration of Release:

0 Days 4 Hours 0 Min.

Time OES Notified:

09/11/96 02:45 PM

OES Control Number:

015450

Time NRC Notified:

09/11/96 02:00 PM

NRC Control Number:

306784

ACTIONS TAKEN

There was a power failure due to the loss of a 4160 volt breaker. Sour gas from the C-400 compressor and acid gas from the Area 3 SRU went to flare. Crews worked quickly to re-establish power. Nitrogen dioxide emissions were the result of sour gas combustion in the flare. Sulfur Dioxide was also released but, although an extremely hazardous substance, it does not appear on the CERCLA hazardous substance list.

KNOWN OR ANTICIPATED HEALTH EFFECTS

Vapors are irritating to the eyes, nose and throat. Reacts with water to form nitric acid. Overexposure may cause chest pain, breathing difficulty, and can result in pulmonary edema. TRMI has no information to indicate that any individuals were exposed to irritating concentrations.

ADVICE REGARDING MEDICAL ATTENTION NECESSARY FOR EXPOSED INDIVIDUALS

Immediate respiratory support. TRMI has no information to indicate that any individuals were exposed or required medical attention.

COMMENTS

Sulfur Dioxide emissions were immediately reported to the California Office of Emergency Services and to the LEPC. A breakdown report was sent to the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD).

CERTIFICATION: I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and believe the submitted information is true, accurate and complete.

Reporting Facility Representative (print or type)

Anita M. Burke for Diller 13612

Signature of Reporting Facility Representative

Anita M. Burke for Diller 13612

Date

9.13.96